GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:104
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2000
COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AROUND AIRPORTS .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Committee set up in 1984 after an Indian Airlines aircraft was hijacked and its occupants kept hostage for over 48 hours had made certain suggestions to step up security at airports identified as sensitive;

(b)if so, the details thereof; and

(c)the reaction of the Government on each of the recommendations?

Answer

- - - - - - THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI SHARAD YADAV) .....
(a), (b) & (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.104 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2.3.2000 REGARDING COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AROUND AIRPORTS -
(a) Yes, Sir. A Committee headed by Shri M.C.Misra, the then Director General, Border Security Force was set-up in 1985.
(b)The major recommendations made by the Committee are as under:-
i)Setting up of a Central Aviation Security Police for performing security and anti-hijacking functions at the airports.
ii)Setting up of a Central Aviation Security Directorate under the Ministry of Civil Aviation to deal with all matters pertaining to civil aviation security.
iii)Setting up of Bomb Detection and Disposal Squads (BDDS) at International and other sensitive airports.
iv)Imparting basic and refresher training to airport security personnel, airlines staff and other agencies functioning at airports.
(c)The recommendations made by the Committee were considered by the Govt. and the action taken thereon are as under:-
i)Due to financial constraints, it has not been possible to set up a Central Aviation Security Police. However, after the incident of hijacking of IC-814, it has been decided to deploy Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel in place of the State Police for security duties at all operational domestic airports in the first phase. CISF has already taking over the security duties at Jaipur, Guwahati, Vadodara and Port Blair airports.
ii)A separate Attached Office called Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation has been set up.
iii)Bomb Detection & Disposal Squads have been set up at Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai and Srinagar airports.
iv)Regular training programmes for training of airport security personnel, airlines staff, etc. are being organised by BCAS.